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FOR: REINFORCING METHOD OF
SILICA GLASS SUBSTANCE AND
REINFORCED SILICA GLASS
CRUCIBLE

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2005.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the Requirement for Restriction in view of the following remarks which appear on page 2 of this paper.